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HILLARY DROPS IN CALIF.

1 Hillary Clinton has seen a dramatic drop in support among likely California primary voters since May as rival Bernie Sanders has surged, a Field Poll shows. Less than half of likely Democratic voters in the June 2016 presidential primary in California, 47 percent, now say they would vote for Clinton. REUTERS

RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

2 California Gov. Jerry Brown on Wednesday signed into law a bill requiring the state to produce half its electricity from renewable sources by 2030, the most aggressive target in the country. The move was cheered by environmentalists even though language to cut petroleum use 50 percent over the next 15 years was stripped from the bill after objections from the oil industry and some lawmakers. Brown said the bill was part of the state's efforts to "decarbonize" its economy to combat global climate change. REUTERS

PUMPKIN CROP SOGGY

3 Pie makers are being encouraged to stock up on canned pumpkin for the holidays — an unusually wet June has cut yields of the autumn favorite by about half, according to the main U.S. supplier. Heavy rains and the moisture-related diseases phytophthora blight and downy mildew contributed to the shortage. REUTERS

SNOW LEOPARD CUBS MAKE THEIR PUBLIC DEBUT AT BROOKFIELD ZOO IN ILLINOIS

7 Sarani, a female snow leopard, explores her habitat with one of two of her 4-month-old cubs that were making their debut at the Brookfield Zoo on Wednesday in Brookfield, Illinois. The cubs have been behind the scenes bonding with their mother since their June 16 birth. With an estimated 4,000 to 6,500 remaining in the wild, snow leopards are listed as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. GETTY IMAGES

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SEARCH FOR CREW ENDS

4 The Coast Guard said it was ending its search for the missing crew of American cargo ship El Faro that sank off the Bahamas last week after sailing into the path of Hurricane Joaquin. The air and sea search for possible survivors ended at sunset Wednesday night, six days after communication with the ship was lost. REUTERS

AMAZON CLOUD LAUNCH

5 Amazon's cloud business, Amazon Web Services, launched a service Wednesday to help companies analyze their data, as well as a suitcase-like product that will let them ship large amounts of data for storage on the cloud. Cloud computing is the fastest-growing business for Amazon, which until recently was mostly known as an online marketplace, and the new services will help the company capitalize on rising demand to store and manage large amounts of information. REUTERS

FAA SEEKS DRONE TRACK

6 The Federal Aviation Administration will test technology to detect and track rogue drone flights around airports through a partnership with Arlington, Virginia-based CACI International. The FAA is also testing other safety and security-related technologies, including geo-fencing software. REUTERS

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DJ Mike Adam back spinning hits

Philly's FM radio dial heats up with return of star DJ.

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DJ Mike Adam spinning tracks from his new station, 96.5 AMP Radio. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

If you tune into 96.5 AMP Radio weekday afternoons, you can get a little taste of the nightclub life served up fresh by a local DJ whose aggressive love of music is truly contagious.

But just a year ago, DJ Mike Adam was out in the wilderness after being ditched by local top 40 station Q102, left to fend for himself in the backwoods of FM radio, even taking a job in New York despite the commute from Philly.

"My brain is still kind of boggled by all that," Adam said of his unexpected termination in August 2014. "I was never given an explanation. And ratings were good."

Officials from IHeartRadio, which owns Q102, and its parent company ClearChannel did not respond to requests for comment about Adam's firing.

> *"I heard whispers AMP in Philly was going to be launched, and immediately raised my hand and said, 'I'd love to go back to Philly.'"*
>
> Adam

But sources familiar with the situation backed up his story of a sudden decision by managers to ditch the DJ who was interviewing stars like Kanye West, Selena Gomez, Justin Bieber and the boys from One Direction on-air while they were in town for shows.

But the Connecticut native who made Philly his home is amped, no pun intended, to be back in Philly working AMP, a young affiliate recently launched by CBS, where he started last month.

"It turned out to be a blessing in disguise," he said of losing his old job. "This team that's been put together for AMP here in Philly is so young and we mesh so well together. ... It's not the kiddie top 40 that you've come to know from Q102, it's not leaning on that Radio Disney bubblegum-type stuff."

Adam mentioned artists like Armin van Buuren and Kygo as part of the sound AMP is exploring.

"We're taking chances on songs that actually have hip potential. They're songs that are more bubbling on the streets or in the club and nobody's really jumped on when it comes to the radio," he said. "It's almost like a more mature top 40 that people in their twenties can listen to and enjoy."

For now Adam is loving the new job, especially giving away free money, he said. AMP has an ongoing promotion where if listeners catch them fail to play 40 songs back-to-back during their commercial-free blocks four times a day, they win $4,000.

"It's not some hoax," Adam said. "You win straight cash, immediately."

"We're the new kids on the block, so it's about saying, 'Hey, we're here,' and making sure the on-air content is flawless."

DJ Mike's songs you should know

5 Years And Years
"Desire"

4 Rich Homie Quan
"Flex"

3 Icona Pop
"Emergency"

2 Rudimental feat. Ed Sheeran
"All It All On Me"

1 Felix Jaehn feat. Jasmine Thompson
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Officer fired for refusing to decrypt hard drives
Sgt. Francis Rawls, a 17-year veteran of the 16th District, was fired by the police department Wednesday for conduct unbecoming an officer after being held in contempt by federal authorities for refusing to decrypt his personal hard drives.

Rawls was taken into custody by U.S. Marshals on Sept. 30.

No further information about the decryption order was available. Rawls is not officially charged with a crime. METRO

Two plead guilty in Jeweler's Row kidnapping
Two defendants in a brazen daylight kidnapping of a Jeweler's Row employee who was tortured in a robbery attempt pleaded guilty Wednesday.

Salahudin Shaheed, 35 and Basil Buie, 24, pleaded guilty to kidnapping and conspiracy in federal court Wednesday. Co-defendant Khayree Gay previously pleaded guilty to related charges. They could face up to life in prison.

The trio kidnapped an employee of the National Watch and Diamond Exchange as she was walking to her car in a parking garage on April 4.

The woman, 53, was thrown into a van, where her wrists and ankles were zip-tied, hooded, threatened with being murdered and Tasered repeatedly as the kidnappers demanded codes to get into the safe where she worked, which she said she did not know.

They dumped the victim battered but alive in a Darby Township cemetery, then returned to rob her, taking her debit card to buy items at a Wawa and a Chinese food store, according to law enforcement. METRO

Guests at a Valley Youth House pop-up couch event on Wednesday. PROVIDED

A symbol of homeless LGBT youth

A new pop-up couch program seeks to connect homeless LGBT youth with resources.

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Starting Wednesday, couches have been placed all over Philadelphia to raise awareness of the city's LGBT homeless youth problem.

Studies provided by Valley Youth House (VYH), a local nonprofit that addresses youth housing insecurity, show that between 40 and 55 percent of the city's homeless youth identify as LGBTQIA. In comparison, the national average is approximately 5 to 7 percent.

This public awareness campaign is part of the launching of Sheltering Pride, a giving program that plans to connect donors one-on-one with VYH's Pride housing program's LGBTQIA homeless youth.

"The launch will focus on bringing awareness to the plight of homeless LGBTQIA youth, who are too often an invisible population because they are sleeping on friends' couches in addition to the streets," said Valerie Johnson, Development Officer for VYH.

VYH is sponsoring several pop-up couch events in the city this week to provide more information on the current local crisis. They are also encouraging followers to use the hashtag #CouchesDontCount on social media to further break the stigma of housing insecurity for those in the LGBT youth community who need proper support.

"When my foster parent found out that I was gender-queer, she kicked me out," said Jodie Stevens, 22. "You can only go from house to house so many times before you are eventually on your own for real."

Couch pop-ups will be held Thursday at the National Constitution Center at 12 p.m. and at Woody's, 202 South St., at 4:30 p.m.

"It took a while for me to get stable, but I know there are so many people out there who don't know how messed this problem is."
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Students in the halls and in class at Mastery Charter, Lenfest campus, in Old City. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Philly kids to get look at high schools

The Philly High School Fair is coming up soon.

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For about nine years, Philadelphia's 8,500 eighth-graders have done all (well, most?) of their homework.

Now comes the biggest project yet: finding a high school.

More than 100 public, private, charter and Catholic high schools will be on hand next weekend at a fair to help students finishing middle school figure out their next step.

The 2015 Philly High School Fair will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center on Friday, Oct. 16 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the next day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For parents and students, the fair is a chance to explore the dizzying array of school options — between competitive-admissions schools and neighborhood high schools, there are 53 public high schools in the city and dozens of private, Catholic and charter schools.

Representatives will be on hand to talk about admissions criteria, vocational training, extracurricular activities and other special programs.

Organizers say that more than 10,000 parents and students attended the event last year, so moving the fair to the larger space at the convention center was a must.

> *"It isn't accurate to say that this is half the battle. There are several steps to take after the fair."*
> Forbriger

Attending the fair is often the beginning of what can be a long process.

"It isn't accurate to say that this is half the battle," said Kristen Forbriger, public affairs director of the Philadelphia School Partnership. "It's the first step."

There are about 8,500 eighth-graders in Philadelphia public schools — and not nearly that many seats at charter and magnet schools.

The event is also important because the application deadline for the city's competitive-admissions schools this year is Nov. 13.

That's earlier than usual, said school district spokesman Fernando Gallard, because parents who weren't given their first choice of schools have requested earlier notice so they have more time to evaluate their options.

That deadline also applies to school transfer applications for elementary school students who want to attend a school other than their neighborhood school, and to students who apply to selective middle schools.

Organizers say a text message service will be available to help families keep the application process on track. Parents can subscribe to alerts by texting LEARN to 215-660-4016.

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S.S. United States. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

The S.S. United States' rusted hull has been a familiar sight off Columbus Boulevard in the Delaware River for years, where a conservancy dedicated to saving the boat has docked it while trying to raise funds to bring the boat back to life.

But the price tag of about $60,000 a month that's required to keep the boat afloat is no longer affordable, organizers from the Save the United States Conservancy announced Wednesday.

Without major donations by the end of October, the boat could be sold for scrap, organizers said. The conservancy's board has voted to begin exploring offers from "metal recyclers" that would be interested in purchasing the boat.

The 990-foot-long ship, launched in 1952, was designed as part of a secret Cold War project to create the fastest ship in the world.

It hosted the rich and famous on cruises while concealing its true purpose, which was to double as a troop ship if needed.

Visions for the boat have ranged from a museum to a hotel or office space. The price tag for such a renovation is estimated at $300 million.

"We have achieved an extraordinary amount of progress in support of the SS United States' potential redevelopment in recent months, including detailed plans, financial models, renderings, and engineering approaches," the board said. "We've never been closer to saving America's Flagship, but we have also never been closer to losing this irreplaceable piece of our history."

Sgt. Robert Wilson plaque unveiled

Sergeant
ROBERT F. WILSON III
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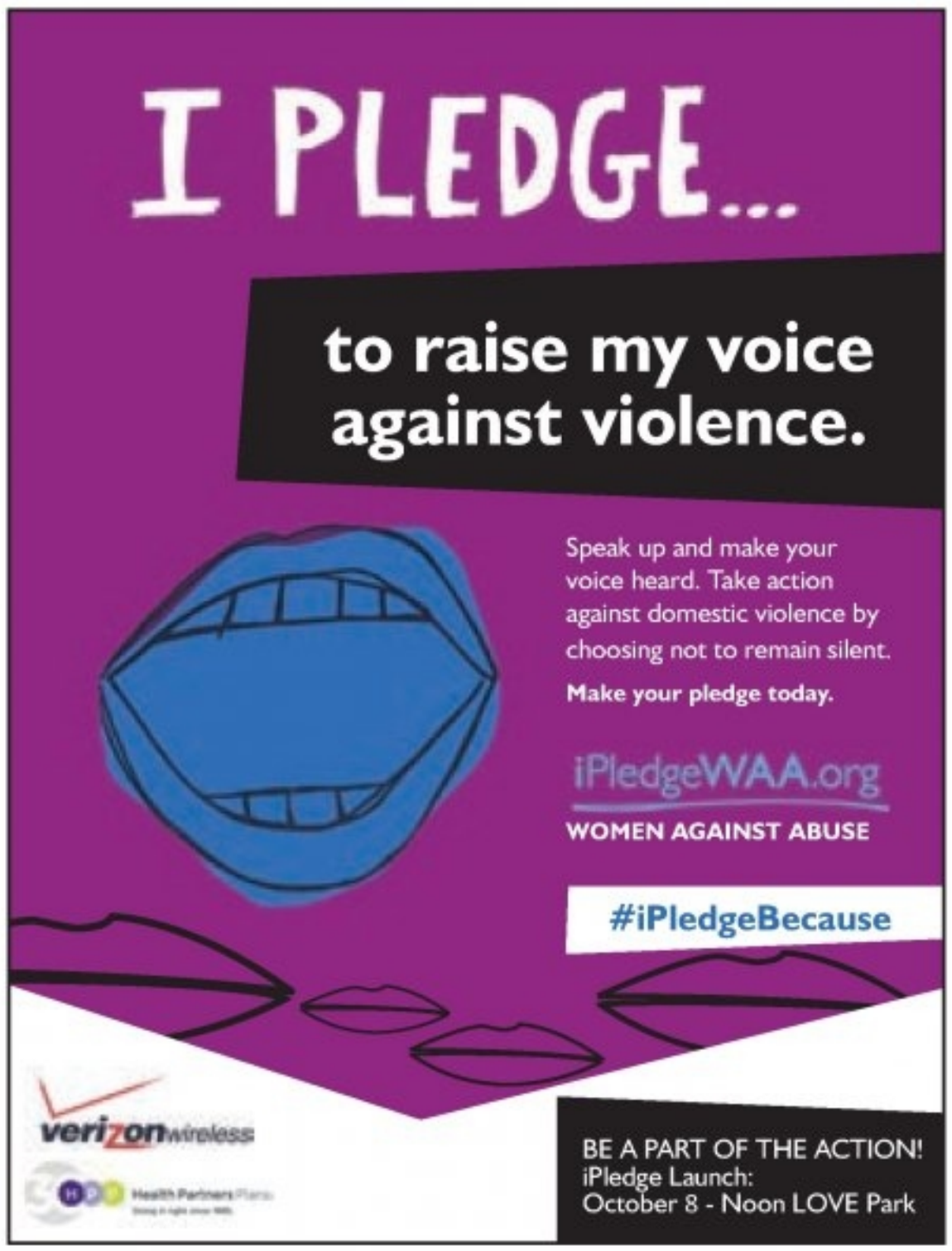
The memorial plaque for Sgt. Robert F. Wilson III, who was murdered March 5 in the 22nd District during a holdup at a Gamestop, was unveiled Wednesday morning outside the District during a ceremony attended by numerous city officials. Clockwise from top left, the plaque; officer Mike Rivera, who was in the police academy with Wilson, weeps while recalling him as a hero; Wilson's family and members of the public during the dedication ceremony. CHARLES MOSTOLLER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Blatter faces 90-day suspension from FIFA, confidant says

FIFA President Sepp Blatter faces an imminent 90-day suspension from soccer if the governing body's ethics judge backs a prosecutor's recommendation, a close friend and former adviser to Blatter told Reuters on Wednesday.

Blatter's long-term confidant, Klaus Stoehlker, said the decision by judge Hans-Joachim Eckert on the provisional suspension was expected by Friday.

"There is no final decision. This is a recommendation from the lower part of the ethics committee to the upper part," said Stoehlker, who added that Blatter had been informed of the development.

"President Blatter will be in his office at FIFA tomorrow," he said.

Blatter GETTY IMAGES

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YEARS THAT BLATTER HAS WORKED FOR FIFA, STARTING AS A TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

A FIFA spokesperson directed inquiries to Blatter's U.S lawyers, who did not respond to requests for comment.

A spokesman for Eckert declined to comment. The Investigatory Chamber of the Ethics Committee was not immediately available for comment.

If Blatter is suspended, under FIFA's statutes the most senior vice president, African soccer head Issa Hayatou, of Cameroon, would become the interim president.

FIFA is already without its secretary general, Jerome Valcke, who was suspended last month after allegations he was involved in a scheme to sell 2014 World Cup tickets at a marked-up price. Valcke denied the charges.

Blatter stated in June that he would stand down after an election to choose his replacement Feb. 26.

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Obama apologizes to MSF for air strike on hospital

MSF, also known as Doctors Without Borders, is calling for an independent international fact-finding commission to probe the bombing.

President Barack Obama GETTY IMAGES

U.S. President Barack Obama telephoned the head of Medecins Sans Frontieres, also known as Doctors Without Borders, and apologized for an air strike on the aid group's hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, that killed 22 people over the weekend, the White House said Wednesday.

On the call with the medical charity's president, Joanne Liu, Obama also said the U.S. investigation into the incident would "provide a transparent, thorough and objective accounting of the facts and circumstances of the incident. And that, if necessary, the president would implement changes to make tragedies like this one less likely to occur in the future," White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters.

Earnest said "there is no evidence that ... I've seen or that anybody else has presented that indicates that this was anything other than a terrible, tragic accident."

He added that the Pentagon's investigation will look into the conduct of individuals involved in the attack as well as the rules of engagement.

Obama also called Afghan President Ashraf Ghani to express condolences for the lives of patients and staff lost during the strike, Earnest said. REUTERS

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Brain trauma among young football players

Based on their results, the researchers are developing equipment that better protects the head from high force impacts. BILLY BECERRA, METRO

Seven years of research into the impact of head trauma in high school football players points to new dangers.

"We are seeing changes in brain activity even without a diagnosed concussion, even without any sign or symptoms showing up, and that occurs in a large population of our subjects," Larry Leverenz, a clinical professor of health and kinesiology at Purdue University.

More than half the players participating in the trials showed signs of altered neurological function and dramatic changes to the wiring and biochemistry of their brains, according to a series of studies published by the Purdue Neurotrauma Group. The research focused on preconcussive head injuries, which up until now went largely ignored because of lack of symptoms usually associated with a concussion, such as dizziness or disorientation.

"It's not just the neurons that get damaged, it's the glial cells, it's the vasculature," said Eric Nauman, professor of mechanical and biomedical engineering at Purdue.

"Basically in football and women's soccer, about half the team is experiencing these kinds of things, these kinds of changes. Some of them heal and some of them don't by the time they start playing their next season and that was the thing that really got us nervous," he added.

The researchers placed sensors on the athletes to record impact forces and coupled that data with brain scans and cognitive tests to track neurological function over the course of the trial. REUTERS

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Nicki Minaj not making up with Miley Cyrus anytime soon

So that feud between Nicki "Miley, what's good?" Minaj and Miley Cyrus? Yeah, totally not going away anytime soon. After Cyrus made some comments about Minaj to The New York Times that Minaj reacted to at the VMAs, things seemed to calm down. But Minaj just did an interview with The New York Times Magazine that proves she's far from over it. "The fact that you feel upset about me speaking on something that affects black women makes me feel like you have some big balls," Minaj says. "You're in videos with black men, and you're bringing out black women on your stages, but you don't want to know how black women feel about something that's so important? Come on, you can't want the good without the bad. If you want to enjoy our culture and our lifestyle, bond with us, dance with us, have fun with us, twerk with us, rap with us, then you should also want to know what affects us, what is bothering us, what we feel is unfair to us. You shouldn't not want to know that."

Carey Mulligan welcomes first Mumford son — or daughter

Carey Mulligan popped back into the public eye this week at the London Film Festival debut of her film "Suffragette," and she brought along with her some joyous news. "Carey has given birth to a healthy and happy baby," a source tells E! News. "She is just enjoying this time with her family and close friends." Well, and standing awkwardly with Meryl Streep on a red carpet, but still. Mulligan and husband Marcus Mumford — of Mumford & Sons fame — married in 2012 and confirmed they were expecting back in June when her appearance at the Tonys made it impossible to hide the news. She had to sit out the world premiere of "Suffragette" at the Telluride Film Festival in September because she was about to give birth, if you want to try to pinpoint the exact date of delivery. Which is weird, why would you do that? Anyway, no word yet on the gender, mostly because they don't want us to go with the obvious headlines. Well, we certainly showed them, didn't we?

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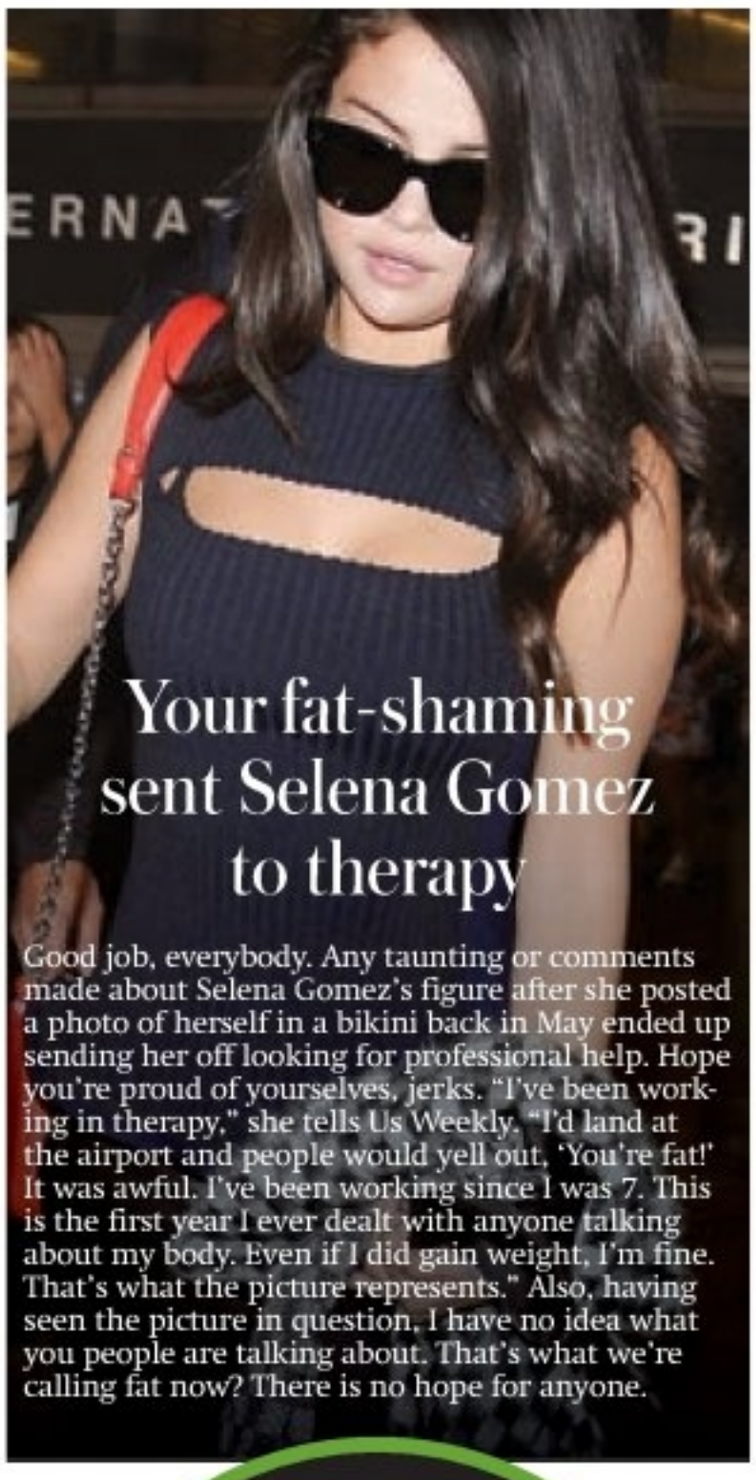

Your fat-shaming sent Selena Gomez to therapy

Good job, everybody. Any taunting or comments made about Selena Gomez's figure after she posted a photo of herself in a bikini back in May ended up sending her off looking for professional help. Hope you're proud of yourselves, jerks. "I've been working in therapy," she tells Us Weekly. "I'd land at the airport and people would yell out, 'You're fat!' It was awful. I've been working since I was 7. This is the first year I ever dealt with anyone talking about my body. Even if I did gain weight, I'm fine. That's what the picture represents." Also, having seen the picture in question, I have no idea what you people are talking about. That's what we're calling fat now? There is no hope for anyone.

@JohnCleese
Today in Little Havana, I had the best coffee I have tasted outside Italy. Probably why I am doing emails at three in the morning...

WhitneyCummings
When I see porn shot on a GoPro all I can think about is how the girl kept a straight face looking at a dude with a camera on his head.

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Take your career into your own hands

Frustrated? Get a clapboard and make your own damn movie. ISTOCK

Living out here in L.A., you can pretty much guarantee that all your waitstaff, retail workers and bartenders are actors. Having been an actor a thousand years ago, I know how rough it can be. There are a thousand people who look just like you and had more money to go to school or buy the best clothes or take those very expensive workshops. Nothing makes you stand out.

The same can be said for writers, costume designers, etc. It can be demoralizing to hear your hundredth rejection or have yet another audition where they don't call you back. You can console yourself only so many times with, "Oh, he's probably related to the director," or whatever other excuse we creative types like to use.

So, what's the solution? DIY production.

I cannot begin to recount the many stories I've heard from successful actors who were sick of the same things we all are. No one was listening, and they were getting lost in the noise. What did they do? Wrote and starred in their own Web series. Started writing their own show, shot it themselves and posted it. They did the legwork, learned about production, bought a cheap camera, got a friend to do sound, sewed costumes themselves or found cosplay friends to help. They crowdfunded. They spent hours packing DVDs in envelopes and sending them overseas. They learned about union rules and how many of their friends would work for doughnuts and pizza. They put their work out there for the world to see, and sometimes it hit. This isn't just about Hollywood. This really applies to anyone in any career. Not seeing what you want out there? Create it!

As someone who started my own website because I wanted to write what I was passionate about, I can tell you that it's hard work. I mean, give-up-a-social-life-oh-my-God-I-haven't-seen-the-sun-in-a-month hard, but in the end, it has given me opportunities I've only dreamed about. It's the Wild West right now in Hollywood, and it's worth giving it a shot. It's always worth it. Don't wait for it to come to you. Go out and get it yourself!

JENNA BUSCH

Geek Girl in Hollywood

Jenna Busch takes on the way pop culture snubs its female fans. For more columns, visit metro.us/jenna-busch as well as her site, Legion of Leia (www.legionofleia.com)

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The Vikings are coming

Alexander Dreymon heads up BBC America's new swords-and-horses drama, "The Last Kingdom."

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In "The Last Kingdom," Alexander Dreymon heads way back in time to play Uhtred of Bebbanburg, a 9th century Briton taken prisoner as a boy and raised by Vikings before returning to help unite the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms into what will eventually be Great Britain. And that involves a whole lot of time on horseback.

When you sign up for this kind of show, do you consider how much you'll be on a horse?

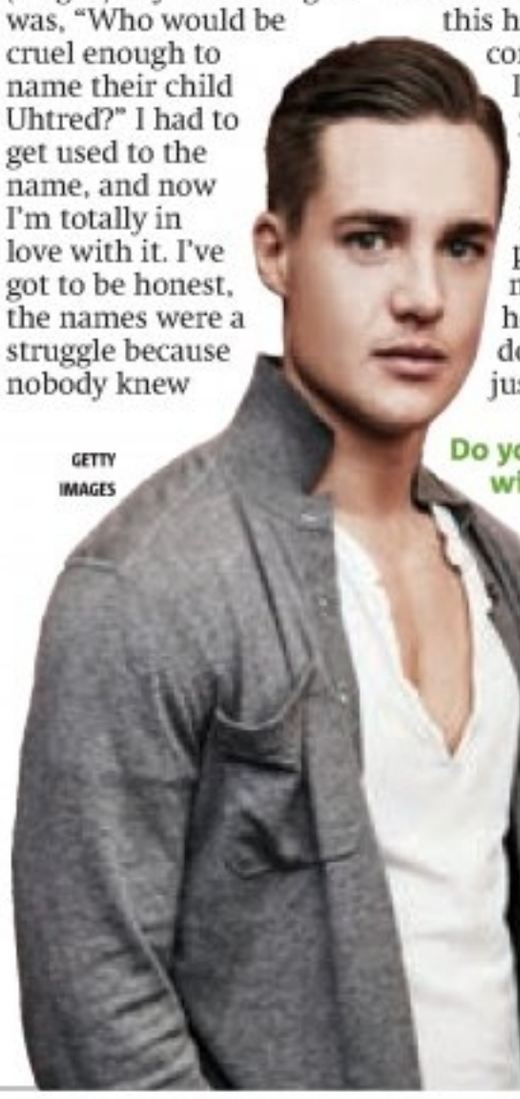
I spent quite a bit of time riding when I was a kid, but that doesn't mean I knew how to. During that time it was mainly that the brain of the operation was the horse and not me, so I was literally just a passenger. But I always loved it, so I was actually begging for more time on the horse during the shoot.

A lot of actors just lie and list it as a skill and figure they'll deal with it if they have to.

Let me be clear, I didn't grow up riding. I did quite a lot of it when I was a kid, but I never learned how to do it. And on set we had an amazing stunt coordinator who does essentially what Robert Redford does in "The Horse Whisperer." That's his way of dealing with the horses — and ultimately his way of dealing with actors, because I think you need a lot of patience to deal with us as well (laughs).

A lot of the names in this sound like mouthfuls.

Yeah, about the names (laughs). My first thought was, "Who would be cruel enough to name their child Uhtred?" I had to get used to the name, and now I'm totally in love with it. I've got to be honest, the names were a struggle because nobody knew how to pronounce them. Everybody had their own take on it. One day this historical adviser comes on set, and I'm like, "Dude, you've really got to tell me, how do you guys know how to pronounce these names?" And he goes, "Oh, we don't know. We just make it up."



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Do you think Uhtred will catch on now?

I think if I had a wife and I wanted to name my child Uhtred, she'd divorce me. I don't think it will catch on in that sense. I mean, it would be great if it would. I don't think anyone

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Alexander Dreymon gets medieval in "The Last Kingdom," premiering Saturday at 10 p.m. on BBC America. KATA VERMES

would name their child Khaleesi, for instance. At least I hope not.

I'm pretty sure someone already has.
You know, there might be some dogs or cats that are going to be called Uhtred. Like maybe a wolfhound. But it would be way funnier if it was a Chihuahua or a Yorkshire.

History lesson

Was this a time period you had been interested in?
It was always a time that I was fascinated by just because we know so little about it. The Danes didn't keep any records of their historical events, they didn't write. It becomes so interesting because there are so many parts that you have to fill out with your own imagination. What it means for me as an actor is I get to spend a lot of time on a horse, playing with swords and riding through the forest, making campfires — every little boy's dream.

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Artist to know: Oh Wonder

After gaining a following online using SoundCloud, the London-based duo is hitting the road for a U.S. tour.

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Josephine Vander Gucht and Anthony West of Oh Wonder. PROVIDED

British pop duo Oh Wonder has never even performed live (as of our September chat) and already they're one of fall's most anticipated bands. Josephine Vander Gucht and Anthony West did something a little unusual to get noticed: Every month for an entire year, they released a new track on SoundCloud. The ambitious project took off and snagged Oh Wonder not only a fan base but a record deal. Their self-titled album came out Sept. 4, and they're (finally) going on tour. We caught up with them to learn a little more.

You've really never played a live show yet?
We actually haven't! The only performance we've done is a live Maida Vale session for BBC Radio 1, which was such a privilege and an honor, although it was pretty intense for a first live show: five cameras, a lighting rig and a live studio recording. But we enjoyed every minute of it. We're so excited to tour.

What made you choose SoundCloud as the way to get your music out there?
Structure is rare for artists, so we relished the opportunity to challenge ourselves and release songs so frequently. We also wanted to give each song its own life and create an album where each song would stand alone.

What are the songs about?
We've written about everything from gambling to cancer to house parties, but overall, the record celebrates the importance of human connection, love and being there for each other. It's a collection of songs that explore London, loneliness and love.

What musician would you love to collaborate with?
We'd love to work with Feist. She's made some amazing records that have inspired us personally to pursue careers in music, and she really respects the art of songwriting.

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Leo It may be difficult, but you need to let others have their say. Whether you agree with others' opinions is irrelevant.

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Libra In order to be a contender, you need to put yourself out there. You will discover valuable opportunities if you meet with peers.

Scorpio Unsettling issues will surface. Face facts and deal with events in a controlled manner. Legal institutions will give you reason to do some research.

Sagittarius Be receptive and attend any gathering that will introduce you to newcomers in your community or field. Don't miss an invitation.

Capricorn Don't squabble over what's already happened when you should be looking for a way to rectify the problem. Your strength will be appreciated.

Aquarius Don't give up on someone you care about because of a minor disagreement or insignificant event. Everyone makes mistakes.

Pisces The better you feel, the more you will accomplish. Clear your mind of self-doubt or insecurity by putting your best foot forward. **EUGENIA LAST**

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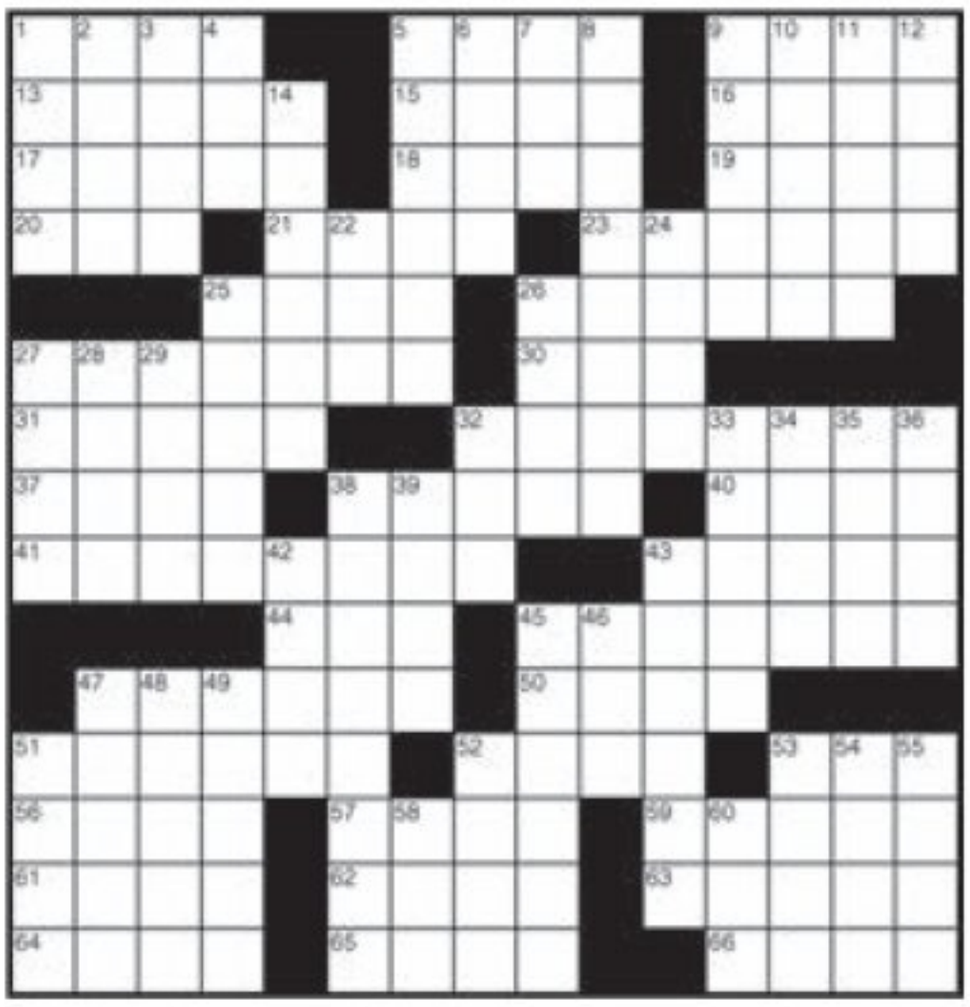

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5 Coconut source
9 Parker who played Boone
13 Making do
15 Purina rival
16 "Mack the Knife" singer
17 Prince Val's wife
18 Gale or breeze
19 Bearing
20 Untrained, as recruits
21 Advanced cash
23 Slipped past
25 Duffer's cry
26 Cauliflower bud
27 Against
30 Open meadow
31 Freeloader
32 Came up for air
37 General vicinity
38 Some are inert
40 Gush over
41 Kind of job (hyph.)
43 Femme fatale
44 Gladiator's hello
45 Pubs
47 Knight's girl
50 Makes tracks
51 Pharaoh's amulet
52 Check
53 Movie turkey
56 Farm unit
57 Lab medium
59 This and that
61 Eclipse causer
62 Cornfield noises
63 Palette adjunct
64 New Year's Eve word
65 Laird's attire
66 Install electricity

Down

1 Kind of miss
2 Tulsa's st.
3 Vista
4 Hill builder
5 In hock
6 Found a roost
7 RN helper
8 Sculptors, e.g.
9 Longest bone
10 "Forget" a letter
11 Icy precip
12 Glass ingredient
14 Mud protection
22 Previously
24 Bread buy
25 Kind of point
26 Furnace duct
27 Viking name
28 Pizarro's conquest
29 Orange skin
32 NNW opposite
33 Ram, in astrology
34 QBs David or Derek
35 Roulette bet
36 Hibernates
38 Return (2 wds.)
39 Revival shout
42 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
43 Willowy
45 Craving
46 Catch a bug
47 Kirk and Spock's friend
48 Baseball's Hank –
49 Castle that danced
51 Shepard and Spade
52 Calf's bellow
53 Hubby of Lucy
54 Software buyer
55 Edit out
58 Moo goo — pan

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Game day dinner

Remember when going to the game meant greasy, fatty, generic food that had a 50-50 chance of making you feel some serious culinary regret? A food revolution — in both the stadium complex and the surrounding area — offers Eagles, Flyers and Sixers fans the opportunity to treat their taste buds like champions this season — even if their teams aren't playing like ones. Here's a look at five fantastic bites to get your hands on before, at or after the game. EVAN MACY

Chipotle mac and cheese

Quick and Carmichael's BBQ, Lincoln Financial Field

Named for two Eagles legends, this spot grills up barbecue that rivals any tailgate on South Broad, and then some. Go for the smoky mac and cheese, covered in Cool Ranch Doritos instead of breadcrumbs to provide that crunch, along with black-cherry-smoked pulled pork or maple-sugar-smoked chicken.

Roast pork sandwich

Talk of the Town Cheesesteaks, 3020 S. Broad St.

You've probably passed it (it's right under the I-76 overpass) and thought, "I bet that place is good." Well, you're right. But don't be afraid to stray from cheesesteak convention. The roast pork — with the traditional broccoli rabe and provolone — is so good you'll want to bottle the pork juice and drink it.

Waffles

Waffle Cabin, Wells Fargo Center

Made with pearl sugar, waffles at the new Waffle Cabin — located in section 105 — are a tempting crossbreed: They taste like the fluffy breakfast staple mixed with a delicious glazed doughnut. As a sweet snack or dessert it's perfection, and worth waiting in line for between periods at Flyers games.

Chicken or beef tacos

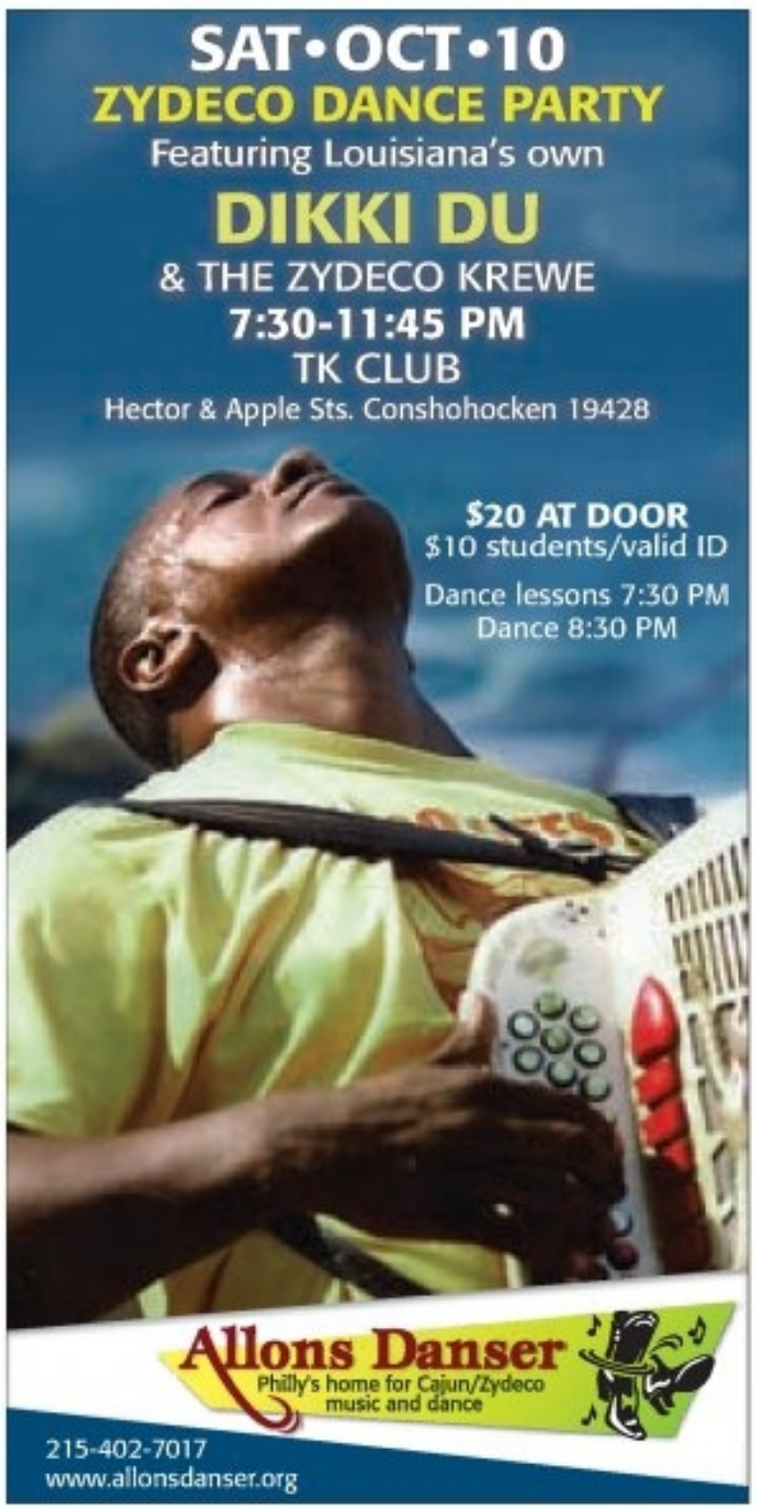
1100 Social, Xfinity Live

Xfinity Live just got an upgrade with the addition of 1100 Social from former "Top Chef" contestant Jason Cichonski (Ela, The Gaslight). We recommend the tacos: homemade tortillas with slow-cooked meat and your choice of toppings. The trendy eatery might sound out of place in Xfinity Live, but once you dig in, it feels right at home.

Crab fries

Chickie's and Pete's, various locations

Yes, we know, it's pretty cliche — Chickie's and Pete's is on everyone's list. But nothing is better during the game than crab fries, especially when they're piping hot on a cold December day. This South Philly staple is available at all four stadiums as well as the flagship store a few blocks north on Broad Street.



It takes a village

Cypriot favorite Kanella moves to a bigger space — and adds a liquor license.

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The blue-awning-clad corner of 10th and Spruce was always buzzing thanks to Konstantinos Pitsillides' fantastic Greek plates at Kanella. The space had a distinct energy, and not only because it was perennially packed.

"With 44 seats and no alcohol, we really couldn't be busier than we were, which was a good thing," says Caroline Christian, Pitsillides' wife and partner.

Considering expansion or a second restaurant, the couple looked at more than 150 spaces in the city before settling on a South Front Street spot in Queen Village that was home most recently to the short-lived Village Belle.

"We saw the kitchen and thought, 'We want to give it to our baby [Kanella],'" Christian says. "That's when the idea dawned on us to move Kanella here."

Falling in love at first sight with the kitchen may have been the catalyst, but there was more to the move than square footage.

"We're neighborhood people, so we're always looking at not just the space and the vibe but also the neighborhood," Christian says. "We like to be a local restaurant — any 'destination' element that we've had has been lucky, but not sought after.

"We like being part of a village, and giving the village a place to go to regularly," she adds, referring to the homey, neighborly feel of Queen Village.

Kanella South opened just a few short months after the original location closed, with an expansive dining room bathed in natural light, a pleasant outdoor seating area and a full bar. The architectural firm that designed stunners like Barbuzzo and Capofitto helped the revamped restaurant retain its historic roots.

While the bulk of the menu remains in the same vein as the original, the star of the new space is an open kitchen that's home to an adjustable rotisserie and a wood-fire oven, additions that allow Pitsillides and his staff to turn out meaty new menu items as well as nightly specials.

Now with alcohol

Perhaps the biggest change at the Kanella is the liquor license.

"I'm very aware that we're coming from a BYOB, and that's a tenuous shift," says Christian.

Beverage manager Ulises Robles and Pitsillides and Christian put together a wine and cocktail menu that highlights Greek ingredients and wallet-friendly wines from around the Mediterranean.

For Pitsillides and Christian, the most important thing is retaining the conviviality of the Kanella experience.

"It's the same thing we've always wanted," Christian says. "For people to eat, drink and be merry."

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Utphilly.com
This trio of seriously skilled musicians makes folk music flecked with hints of jazz and blues. The band's latest release, "Paradise," is steeped in the paradox that pursuing the things you want in life may be the very thing that keeps you from obtaining them. Their musicianship is as tight as their vocal harmony is sweet.

Laura Shay Band

Saturday, 8 p.m.
Tin Angel
20 S. Second St.
$15, 215-928-0770
Tinangel.com
It doesn't take long to fall in love with Laura Shay's songs. Her poetic, introspective lyrics shed light on both the beautiful and the heartbreaking aspects of being human. Whether behind a piano or strumming an acoustic guitar, Shay has a stage presence that will reel you in.

The Wood Brothers ALYSSE GAFKJEN

FESTIVAL

Outfest

Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.
13th and Locust streets
Free, 215-875-9288
Phillygaypride.org
It's the 25th anniversary of Outfest — held on National Coming Out Day — and the Philly celebration is one of the biggest, stretching out over 10 blocks of the Gayborhood with live music, games, food and drink, drag shows and shopping.

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IVA

Saturday, 8 p.m.
Melodies Cafe
2 East Lancaster Ave., Ardmore
$10, 610-645-5269
Melodiescafe.com
After living in Stockholm and gaining some new insight into life, this classically trained singer/songwriter wrote and recorded a new EP, "LEAP," with the help of Tim Sonnefeld of MilkBoy Studios. It's a short record rife with atypical rock instruments: accordion, brass, strings and oboe.

FESTIVALS

Passyunk Avenue

Music & Arts Festival

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Passyunk Ave. and Mifflin St.
Free, 215-336-1455
Visiteastpassyunk.com
Coinciding with East Passyunk's Second Saturday vintage flea market and sidewalk sale, the music and arts fest will feature 10 bands and DJs, including Elissa Janelle Velveteen, Lovers League, Lauren Scott and more.

Fishtown RiverCity Festival

Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.
Penn Treaty Park
1341 N. Delaware Ave.
Free
Rivercityfestival.org
This neighborhood fest kicks off with a 5k run throughout the streets of Fishtown, followed by food, a beer garden and live music in the riverfront park. And make sure to bring the kids: There will be an inflatable rock wall, an obstacle course and a moon bounce.

FOOD

Chinatown Night Market

Thursday, 7 p.m.
10th Street between Arch and Vine streets
Free
Yeshinightmarket.com
Head to Chinatown tonight for food — everything from Cow and the Curd, to Yakitori Boy, to Phl 20 — plus live music, karaoke and dance performances.

THEATER

'Hooked!'

Friday through Oct. 25
Inis Nua Theatre Company
Fergie's Pub
1214 Sansom St.
$15 - $30, 215-454-9776
Inisnuatheatre.org
This eerie Irish play arrives upstairs at Fergie's just in time for Halloween. Trying to avoid her past, Lydia escapes to a country village. Her neighbors seem perfectly normal — but they and the rest of the town quickly become suspicious of her. Growing tension threatens to reveal a web of secrets beneath the surface of this small community.

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Filming 'Star Wars' on Skellig Michael

With a monastery dating back to the sixth century, this craggy island off the Iveragh Peninsula in southwest Ireland is soon to become famous for its role in the upcoming "Star Wars."

The sleepy fishing village of Portmagee would normally expect a lull in mid-September, with the end of the Irish school holidays leading to a fall off in visitors. But this year on Sept. 14, the quays were thronged with a film crew 100 strong, watched by reporters, photographers and "Star Wars" fans gathering in hope of a glimpse of the original Luke Skywalker, Mark Hamill. For the second year running, Skellig Michael, an island reached by the Portmagee ferry, was closed to visitors for the filming of "Star Wars: Episode VIII."

The popular franchise first visited Skellig Michael, a rocky uninhabited island off the County Kerry coast, in June 2014 to film a segment for "Episode VII" (which will be released in December). The island is famed for its dramatically situated monastery, which flourished from the sixth to the 12th centuries. Today the remains, atop a 750-foot peak reached by 600 steep stone steps, is a Unesco World Heritage Site, with limited access to the public from April to October.

Skellig Michael is the main attraction of the dramatic Skellig Ring coastal drive, a 37-mile extension to the ever-popular Ring of Kerry route and a highlight of the Wild Atlantic Way.

Portmagee, with its multicolored cottages, is a picture-book fishing village. The Bridge Bar may look familiar, as it has starred in numerous ads as the ideal cozy Irish pub. For those who would rather not brave the open-boat trip to Skellig Michael, the **Skellig Experience Visitor Centre (Skelligexperience.com)** at Portmagee provides an enjoyable orientation to the rocks and wildlife. A causeway leads from Portmagee to Valentia Island, population 600, the location of the first trans-Atlantic telegraph cable. Its scenic beauty — alternating rugged cliffs and tropical vegetation — make it popular with walkers.

> **The sixth century monastery, high atop a peak on the island, is a Unesco World Heritage Site.**

From Portmagee, the coastal drive continues to the high cliffs of Bray Head, where a telescope is fixed on Skellig Michael, and on to Ballinskelligs, an Irish-speaking village where the ruins of the abbey that the monks moved to when they left the island sit peacefully beside a long sandy beach. En route don't miss the **Skellig Chocolate Factory (Skelligschocolate.com)**, one of Ireland's most successful artisan food enterprises, where you will be plied with samples after seeing the exquisite chocolates being made by hand.

For more information on visiting this scenic part of Ireland, visit **Discoverireland.ie.**

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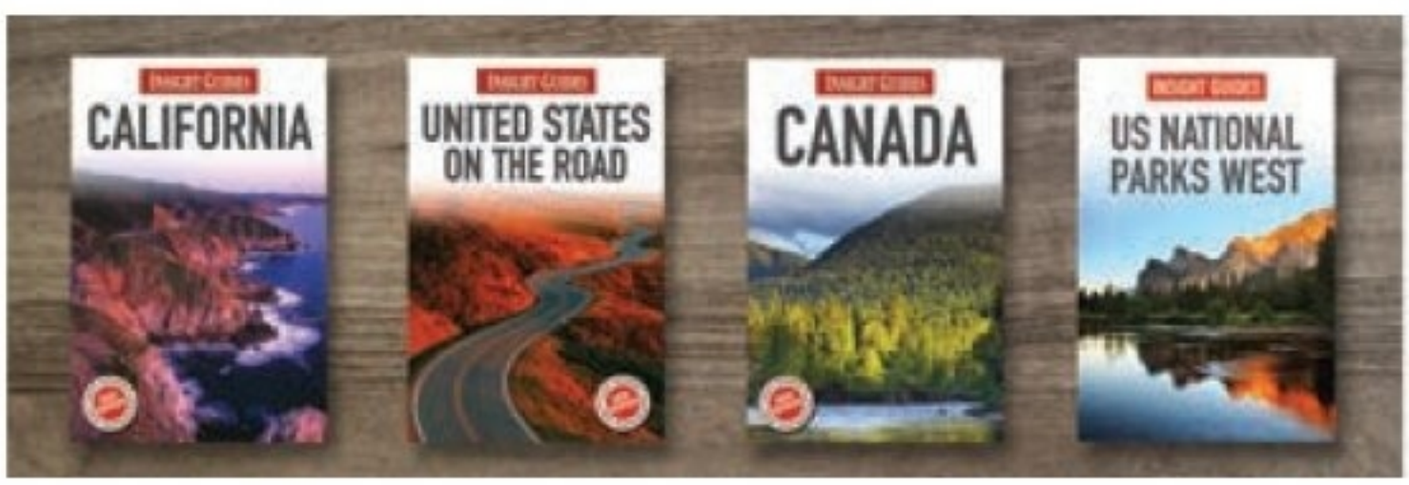

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Autumn arts getaway in Saratoga Springs

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Developed as a spa town for the well-heeled in the 1800s, Saratoga Springs retains its upscale aura. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery (Skidmore.edu/tang), and the museum's calendar is filled with special exhibitions. The Tang focuses on the connection between art and the world around us, looking at themes like biotechnology. Anniversary events include performances based on body resonance and a "sonic massage." Guided tours give a deeper understanding of the artists and their messages.

Thoroughly traditional are the works at the **Hyde Collection Art Museum (Hydecollection.org)** in Glens Falls. Some 6,000 years of art history are housed in an elegant mansion on a spacious estate. You'll find everything from Rembrandts to Picassos among the 3,000 paintings, sculptures and decorative arts on display. Through January, the two special exhibits are "Heroines," a collection of photo realism of women by Audrey Flack, and "Pulled, Pressed and Screened," a look at American graphic arts and prints from the 1930s through today. Admission is free on the second Sunday of the month.

Saratoga Arts (Saratoga-arts.org) stages exhibitions in its gallery as well as venues throughout town. Through Nov. 7, catch "Many Rivers." Presented by Black Dimensions in Art, it presents emerging artists from the US, Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean exploring the theme of journeys.

The Beekman Street Arts District (Saratogaartdistrict.com) is a three-block, multiuse, multicultural neighborhood that's the center for Saratoga's entertainment and shopping. Stores and restaurants offer everything from textiles to tattoos, teas to tacos. The 1st Friday Art Stroll is a monthly casual party at galleries and shops.

The Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC; LARAC.org) holds its annual juried crafts fair Oct. 31–Nov. 1 in Glens Falls. It's one of the finest shows in the region, with 75 selected artists and craft artisans.

Caffè Lena (Caffelena.org) is widely recognized as the oldest continually operating coffeehouse in the country. Bob Dylan and Arlo Guthrie have hung out there.

The National Museum of Dance Hall of Fame (Dancemuseum.org) is the only museum dedicated to the art of professional dance. Exhibits include 125 years of the tango, costumes and sets from musicals and movies, and the careers of Rudolf Nureyev and choreographer Mark Morris.

And, of course, there are the horses. **The Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame (Racingmuseum.org)** explores three centuries of thoroughbred racing with trophies, equine art, a kids' section, behind-the-scenes look at the training track and memorabilia. The bobblehead jockeys are not to be missed.

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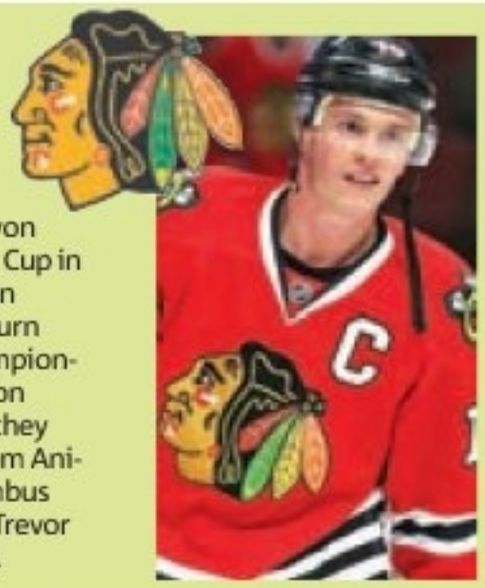
Blackhawks (48-28-6)



The Blackhawks won their third Stanley Cup in the past six years in June, and they return most of their championship roster. Brandon Saad is gone, but they added center Artem Anisimov from Columbus and defenseman Trevor Daley from Dallas.

No. 2

Lightning (50-24-8)

This placement stems from more than the fact that the Lightning battled Chicago for six tight games before falling in the Stanley Cup Final. This is a loaded young team that looks like the class of the East. Tyler Johnson (13 goals, 10 assists) was Tampa Bay's breakout star of last postseason's run.

No. 3

Rangers (53-22-7)

Everything lined up right for the Rangers to return to the Stanley Cup Final last season but they fell at home to the Lightning in Game 7 of the East final. New York didn't change much to its roster, but that's a good thing. Henrik Lundqvist is coming off arguably the best season of his career.

No. 4

Ducks (51-24-7)

The Ducks were the top regular season team in the West last season but fell in Game 7 in the conference final. Anaheim still boasts perhaps the most dangerous center-winger combo in the league in Ryan Getzlaf and Corey Perry. Speedy former Ranger Carl Hagelin should be a nice addition.

No. 5

Canadiens (50-22-10)

In the spring, the Habs looked poised to end Canada's long Cup drought (22 years and counting) but they meekly fizzled against Tampa Bay. Still, this is a very strong team led by goaltender Carey Price, who won his first Vezina. Alexander Semin gets a (final?) chance to revitalize his career.

No. 6

Capitals (45-26-11)

The Caps definitely improved under Barry Trotz, but they fell in the playoffs to the Rangers in a seven-game, second-round series. Goaltender Braden Holtby became a star in 2014-15 and Alex Ovechkin continues to be a force of nature. Niklas Backstrom's health is a major concern, however.

No. 7

Predators (47-25-10)

There is a lot to like about the Predators and they are probably better than their first round exit in the playoffs would indicate since they ran into the buzzsaw Blackhawks. Nashville is strong at every position with Pekka Rinne in goal, Shea Weber on defense and budding star Filip Forsberg up front.

No. 8

Wild (46-28-8)

Speaking of teams that got steamrolled by Chicago, the Wild got swept in the second round. Goaltender Devan Dubnyk came out of nowhere to lead the Wild to a playoff berth. It'll be interesting to see if he can still be that guy in a full season as their starter.

No. 9

Blues (51-24-7)

It was the same old story for the Blues (insert lame music joke here) last season as they were great in the regular season but folded in the playoffs. This is an outstanding roster, other than the key hole at the goaltender position (sorry Jake Allen and Brian Elliott).

No. 10

Islanders (47-28-7)

Hipsters beware, hockey is coming to Brooklyn. The Isles have a team worthy of their new home and deep down, I'm sure their players are happy to get out of dumpy Nassau Coliseum. Center John Tavares is only 25 but is already one of the most valuable players in the NHL.

No. 27

Flyers (33-31-18)

The Flyers took a different approach by signing former University of North Dakota head coach Dave Hakstol. They still have three great forwards in Claude Giroux, Wayne Simmonds and Jakub Voracek, but that's about it.

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Top Flyers storylines this season

The Flyers look much the same as they did last year. Does that mean they'll miss the playoffs again?

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Chairman Ed Snider, General Manager Ron Hextall and captain Claude Giroux all believe the Flyers are a playoff team.

After missing the postseason for the second time in the last three years in 2014-2015, the trio feels the modest upgrades to the roster in the offseason, the potential for returning players to improve and a new coach are more than enough reason to believe that the organization will play meaningful games deep into April this spring.

With a new season set to begin Thursday night in Tampa Bay against the defending Eastern Conference champs, here's a look at the top nine storylines to watch this season.

1 NEED A FAST START

The Flyers have been anchored down by terrible starts to the season the past two years. In 2013, they went a franchise worst 1-7 that got coach Peter Laviolette fired before rebounding to sneak into the playoffs. They sputtered out to a 1-3-2 mark and were never able to recover last year. A solid start to the season is paramount.

2 WIN ON THE ROAD

While the Flyers finished with a respectable 23-11-7 record at home, they were a dreadful 10-20-11 away from the Wells Fargo Center. Their poor play on the road no doubt contributed mightily to their failure to make the playoffs.

When, and which of the Flyers top prospects will be the first to break through in 2015-16? GETTY IMAGES

3 NEW COACH, NEW SYSTEM

It will be interesting to see how long it takes the Flyers to pick up former North Dakota coach Dave Hakstol's system, which requires speed and the defensemen to get more involved in the offense.

4 NEW OT FORMAT

The organization owns the worst record in the NHL since the league instituted shootouts and went 3-11 in the skills competition last year. With a new overtime format that has teams skate 3-on-3 — rather than 4-on-4 — the league hopes more games end in overtime and reduces the amount of shootouts, which should be music to the Flyers' ears.

5 ROOKIE DEFENDERS

Although none of the highly-touted defensive prospects earned a roster spot out of the preseason — namely because there was no room — keep tabs on the development of youngsters like Shayne Gostisbehere, Sam Morin and Robert Haag with the Phantoms. The three will be prime candidates for call-ups in case of injuries.

6 WHO IS ON TOP LINE?

Jakub Voracek and Giroux are obviously cemented on the first unit, but who complements the line? Is it Michael Raffl, who will start there Thursday, newcomer Sam Gagner or Brayden Schenn?

7 WILL VETS REBOUND?

Matt Read and R.J. Umberger both played through injuries for most of last year and had seasons to forget. Both are healthy and could provide a crucial boost with bounce-back seasons.

8 SPECIAL TEAMS

The Flyers finished with the third-best power play in the NHL but had the 27th-ranked penalty kill. Kudos to the man-advantage, but the PK obviously needs to get better.

9 MIGHTY METRO

With the Rangers, Islanders, Capitals, Penguins and a dangerous young squad in Columbus, the Metropolitan Division might just be the best and deepest one in the league this year. The Flyers must prove they can beat the aforementioned teams in head-to-head play if they want to have any shot at the playoffs.

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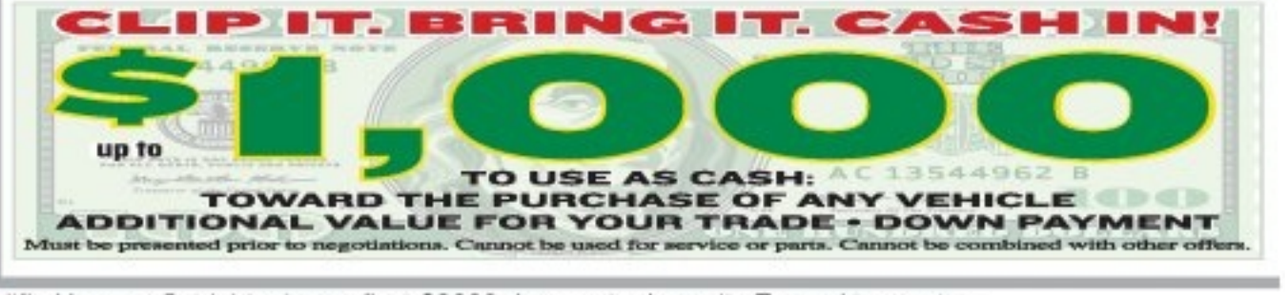
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